

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLESNOTICE OF EMERGENCY AND PROPOSED RULEMAKING

The Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles, pursuant to the authority set forth in section 1822, 1825 and 1826 of the Department of Motor Vehicles Establishment Act of 1998, effective March 26, 1999, (D.C. Law 12-175; D.C. Official Code §§ 50-901, 50-904, and 50-905) (2001 ed.); section 801 of the Motor Vehicle and Safe Driving Amendment Act of 2000, effective April 27, 2001 (D.C. Law 13-289; D.C. Official Code § 50-921), 18 DCMR 200, and § 6(c) of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, approved October 21, 1968 (82 Stat. 1206; D.C. Official Code § 2-505(c)) (2001 ed.), hereby gives notice of the adoption, on an emergency basis, of the following rulemaking to amend Chapter 2 of Title 18 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR) (Vehicles and Traffic). This amendment will authorize the Director to grant one 90-day extension per license term for the school bus operator's licenses of bus drivers employed by the District of Columbia Public Schools, upon the written request of the District of Columbia Public Schools.

This action is being taken on an emergency basis due to the shortage of school bus drivers who will be able to renew their bus driver operator's license by the August 31, 2003 deadline. The independent, Court appointed, Transportation Administrator for the District of Columbia Public Schools has requested this extension to facilitate the safe and timely transportation of special education students within the District of Columbia. This emergency rulemaking is necessary for the preservation of public health, safety and welfare. This emergency rule was adopted on August 18, 2003 and became effective immediately on that date.

The Director also gives notice of intent to take final rulemaking action in not less than thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice in the D.C. Register and upon the expiration of a 45 day Council review period or affirmative approval by the Council in less than 45 days.

This emergency rule will expire on December 16, 2003, 120 days after the date of its adoption, or upon publication of a notice of final rulemaking in the D.C. Register, whichever occurs first.

Title 18, DCMR, is amended as follows:

Chapter 2, SCHOOL BUS DRIVER'S LICENSE, Section 200, GENERAL PROVISIONS, Subsection 200.5 is amended to read as follows:

- 200.5 School bus driver permits shall be valid for a period of one (1) year, expiring on the last day of August of each calendar year, except that, upon the written request of the District of Columbia Public Schools, the Director may grant a single 90-day extension per license term to drivers who are employed by the District of Columbia Public Schools.

All persons desiring to comment on the subject matter of this proposed rulemaking should file comments, in writing to Angel Irene, Policy Analyst, D.C. Department of Motor Vehicles, 65 K Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002. Comments must be received not later than thirty (30) days after the publication of this notice in the D.C. Register. Copies of this proposal may be obtained, at cost, by writing to the above address.